INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS (IB)

IB 2000 - Introduction to International Business
Credit(s): 3 Credits
A broadly based introduction to the field of international business. Consists of an inter-disciplinary survey of the fundamentals of (1) international trade; (2) environmental factors; (3) international institutions and agencies; and (4) company organization, managerial functions and operations around the world.
Prerequisite(s): ECON 1900
Restrictions:
Students in the Schl for Professional Studies college may not enroll.
Attributes: International Studies-Economy

IB 2930 - Special Topics
Credit(s): 1-3 Credits (Repeatable for credit)

IB 2980 - Independent Study
Credit(s): 1 or 3 Credits (Repeatable for credit)

IB 3020 - Latin American Business
Credit(s): 3 Credits
The focus of the course is on the cultural, historical, economic, social, political, and business environments in Latin America and on the activities of multinational corporations therein.
Prerequisite(s): IB 2000
Restrictions:
Students in the Schl for Professional Studies college may not enroll.
Attributes: International Studies-Latin Am, Urban Poverty - Immigration

IB 3040 - Asian Business
Credit(s): 3 Credits
Focusing on a group of selected Asian economies, this course has three objectives: (1) to acquaint the students with the region’s basic business environments; (2) to examine the styles and practices of Asian management; (3) to provide insight to the implications of Asian business environment and management practice on strategic planning by non-Asian firms. Students will attain a practical knowledge of the complexity of the business environments of the region and be able to incorporate the analytical skills and strategic thinking into the reality of the Asian markets.
Prerequisite(s): IB 2000
Restrictions:
Students in the Schl for Professional Studies college may not enroll.
Attributes: International Studies-Asia

IB 3100 - Geopolitics of World Business
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course is designed to prepare students to understand how geography and politics intersect with and influence international business and multinational firms. Upon successful completion of the course, students should possess an awareness of important geopolitical facts and should be able to demonstrate the analytical and strategic thinking skills that reflect an understanding of how these facts interact with and affect international business competition. In particular, the course will examine how geographic location, natural resource endowments, historical relationships, and national and institutional political factors influence global companies.
Prerequisite(s): IB 2000
Restrictions:
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Attributes: International Studies-Economy

IB 3140 - International e-Business
Credit(s): 3 Credits
Except for counted exceptions, as a business approach that relies on the Internet, where national boundaries are inexistent, e-Commerce is to be considered “Global”, per se. In the last years of the past century and during the first decade of the 2000’s, after the Dot-com bubble burst, the Internet has revolutionized the way in which we conduct business, internationally. Furthermore, by rising from 16 million users (0.4% of the world population) in 1995, to 2.75 billion (38.8% of it) in 2013, according to Internet World. Stats, the Internet is not just part of “how we trade” but actually represents “how we live”. Businesses, entrepreneurs, marketers and, in general, managers not considering this fact, or not adapting to the broad range of cultural, demographic, technological and political issues worldwide, will not be able to succeed in their global ecommerce strategies. To help International Business Administration students prepare for these challenges and opportunities, this course introduces them to a wide range of e-Business issues and practices, particularly Global Market opportunity analysis, Business Models, and all the Strategic and Technological major aspects of e-Commerce.
Prerequisite(s): IB 2000
Attributes: International Studies-Economy

IB 3150 - Middle Eastern Business
Credit(s): 3 Credits
The focus of the course is the business environment of the Middle East and North Africa (MENA). National and corporate cultures, customs and laws, geopolitical environment, economic systems, natural resources and security of supply, and other major business-related elements will be covered. This coverage is complemented by a description of the changing order in the MENA region and what it means for multinational firms.
Prerequisite(s): IB 2000
IB 3160 - Cultural Differences in International Business
Credit(s): 3 Credits
Ample evidence abounds that cultures of the world are getting more and more in contact as the business world becomes increasingly global. Given this globally interdependent economy, it is imperative that students understand the value of culture when conducting business across boundaries. This course examines the concept of culture as it applies in an international business context. Among those topics discussed are communicating and negotiating across cultures, the impact of culture on global alliances and strategy, and multicultural teams in international organizations. Classroom discussions are based on text readings as well as specific country-based cases.
Prerequisite(s): IB 2000
Restrictions:
Students in the Schl for Professional Studies college may not enroll.
Attributes: International Studies-Economy
IB 3200 - Geopolitics of Multinational Firms
Credit(s): 3 Credits
Prerequisite(s): (IB 2000 and MGT 3000)
IB 3980 - Independent Study
Credit(s): 1 or 3 Credits (Repeatable for credit)
IB 4120 - International Business Strategies
Credit(s): 3 Credits (Repeatable for credit)
This course focuses on the strategic challenges confronting firms which compete in the global economy. The course deals with the strategic management of firms that operate in a global environment. The primary objective of this course is to have an enhanced understanding of a fundamental question in international business and strategic management: What determines the international success and failure of companies? In the global economy of the 21st century, strategies are no longer the exclusive realm of top managers. Mid-level managers and functional specialists are increasingly challenged to think strategically, think globally. Therefore, this course will cultivate your ability to make well-grounded strategic decisions. (Offered in Fall and Spring)
Prerequisite(s): IB 2000; Minimum Earned Credits of 60
IB 4900 - Global Immersion in International Business
Credit(s): 3 Credits (Repeatable for credit)
Locations will vary; only one may be used to fulfill IB concentration requirements. This two-week course provides business students a first-hand, practical exposure to business competition in another country or region. The course combines case study, traditional classroom lecture, guest lectures from academia and commerce, and field trips. Cultural excursions and presentations are integrated into the course instruction providing the students with a comprehensive view of business activity abroad. Pre-trip coursework and a final project are required.
Prerequisite(s): IB 2000; Minimum Earned Credits of 60
Attributes: International Studies-Economy
IB 4910 - International Business Internship
Credit(s): 1-3 Credits (Repeatable for credit)
This course can be used as elective credit or as concentration credit. Participants will have the opportunity to develop new skills through experiential learning under the direction of a skilled practitioner. The arrangements for the working relationship must be established prior to the assignment.
Prerequisite(s): IB 2000
Restrictions:
Enrollment limited to students with a classification of Junior or Senior.
Students in the Schl for Professional Studies college may not enroll.
IB 4930 - Special Topics
Credit(s): 3 Credits (Repeatable for credit)
IB 4980 - Independent Study
Credit(s): 1-3 Credits (Repeatable for credit)
Permission of the department chair.
Restrictions:
Students in the Schl for Professional Studies college may not enroll.
IB 5010 - Managerial Economics and Data Analysis
Credit(s): 2 Credits
This is an introductory course in economics designed to introduce participants to the most basic economic concepts and the application of these concepts to various situations. The course does not presume a background in economics and is, therefore, self-contained. The first half of the course is spent studying the tools of competitive analysis. The second half allows application of the tools to formulate and implement competitive strategy.
Restrictions:
Enrollment limited to students in the MIB Executive or MIB Executive programs.
IB 5050 - Financial and Managerial Accounting Methods
Credit(s): 2 Credits
An overview of the language of business, this course examines the concepts, current standards and problems related to financial accounting reporting by U.S. enterprises. Serving as an accounting introduction for EMIB students without accounting experience and as review for those with prior experience, this course provides the foundation for subsequent examination of accounting issues of multinational enterprises.
Restrictions:
Enrollment limited to students in the MIB Executive or MIB Executive programs.
IB 5110 - Financial Management Skills
Credit(s): 2 Credits
This course provides basic financial tools necessary to understand foreign operations, including financial statement analysis, impact of foreign exchange rates and evaluation of performance in overseas markets.
Restrictions:
Enrollment limited to students in the MIB Executive or MIB Executive programs.
IB 5140 - International Business Environment
Credit(s): 2 Credits
This course seeks to develop an understanding of the international business environment and the issues that have to be addressed by business corporations when they operate across countries. It will discuss the role of various international organizations including the WTO, IMF, World Bank, APEC and ASEAN in shaping global competition.
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IB 5150 - Management Skills
Credit(s): 2 Credits
Different cultures require different approaches. This course examines the management principles required to administer operations in international markets. Topics include motivation methods, organizational structures and leadership styles.
Restrictions:
Enrollment limited to students in the MIB Executive or MIB Executive programs.

IB 5210 - Marketing Skills
Credit(s): 2 Credits
Marketing must be approached differently in many parts of the world due to cultural and business norms. This course reviews basic marketing approaches and how they must be modified in differing country environments. Topics include applicability of market research, customer preference, pricing and promotion.
Restrictions:
Enrollment limited to students in the MIB Executive or MIB Executive programs.

IB 5250 - International Economics
Credit(s): 2 Credits
This course investigates the effects of international trade and investment policy on firms, industries and the economy with emphasis on various regions throughout the world. The course will discuss tariffs, non-tariff barriers, trading blocs, international investment and industrial policies in various countries’ economies.
Restrictions:
Enrollment limited to students in the MIB Executive or MIB Executive programs.

IB 5310 - International Business Strategies
Credit(s): 2-3 Credits
This course focuses on the implementation of the traditional management functions (staffing, organizing, directing, and controlling) within an international or global organization. Emphasis will be placed on the impact of international environments (differing legal restrictions, political forces, economic situations, roles of labor, cultural philosophies, etc.) on management practices. A major underlying theme throughout the course will be the financial and efficiency costs of adjusting to local requirements versus global rationalization.
Restrictions:
Enrollment limited to students in the MIB Executive or MIB Executive programs.

IB 5330 - Asian Business in Global Markets
Credit(s): 3 Credits
Analysis of Asian global business issues including strategies, foreign investments, human resource management, and marketing. The class will be supplemented with case studies on particular companies and countries. Asian businesses will be compared to multinational corporations in the United States, Europe, and Latin America.

IB 5350 - International Marketing Strategies
Credit(s): 2 Credits (Repeatable for credit)
This course analyzes the unique problems of marketing consumer or individual products on a global basis, integrating both business and cultural issues in different markets. Topics include different customer behavior for different products, distribution systems, and promotion techniques. Use of the web as a global marketing tool is also explored.
Restrictions:
Enrollment limited to students in the MIB Executive or MIB Executive programs.

IB 5410 - International Financial Strategies
Credit(s): 2 Credits
This course undertakes an analysis of strategies used in international financial management. Topics include international cash management, foreign exchange risk management, working capital, foreign direct investment and financing alternatives for multinational firms.
Restrictions:
Enrollment limited to students in the MIB Executive or MIB Executive programs.

IB 5430 - International Negotiations
Credit(s): 2 or 3 Credits
Basic negotiation techniques are discussed, with emphasis on effectively negotiating within the context of different cultures. Western and Eastern negotiation styles will be compared and contrasted. Other course subjects include high versus low content language, relationship versus transaction-based negotiation, time orientation, etc.
Restrictions:
Enrollment limited to students in the MIB Executive or MIB Executive programs.

IB 5450 - International Accounting
Credit(s): 2 Credits
A multidimensional examination of the accounting problems of multinational enterprises is completed during this course. International firms are faced with two unique accounting problems in addition to the problems associated with strictly domestic operations. Among the problem areas covered are: differences in accounting standards, currencies, price-levels, performance valuations, reporting practices and taxation.
Restrictions:
Enrollment limited to students in the MIB Executive or MIB Executive programs.

IB 5510 - Asia Pacific Business Strategy
Credit(s): 2 Credits
This course provides an applied study of business and economic environments of East Asia using country cases as examples. Countries of focus include Japan, China, Korea, Taiwan and Indonesia.
Restrictions:
Enrollment limited to students in the MIB Executive or MIB Executive programs.
IB 5550 - European Business Strategy  
Credit(s): 2 Credits  
This course provides an applied study of business and economic environments of Western Europe using country cases as examples. Countries of focus include members of the European Economic Community.  
Restrictions:  
Enrollment limited to students in the MIB Executive or MIB Executive programs.

IB 5610 - Latin America Business Strategy  
Credit(s): 2 Credits  
This course provides an applied study of business and economic environments of Latin America using country cases as examples. Countries of focus include Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Mexico and Venezuela.  
Restrictions:  
Enrollment limited to students in the MIB Executive or MIB Executive programs.

IB 5650 - Political and Cultural Environments of Europe  
Credit(s): 2 Credits  
This course undertakes a survey of the political and social development of post World War II Western Europe. Topics include politico-historical case studies, the rise and future of the European Community and European international relations.  
Restrictions:  
Enrollment limited to students in the MIB Executive or MIB Executive programs.

IB 5660 - Political and Cultural Environment of Latin America  
Credit(s): 2 Credits  
This course provides a survey of the political and social development of twentieth century Latin America. The focus is on the heterogeneity of the political experience. Countries of study include Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Mexico and Venezuela.  
Restrictions:  
Enrollment limited to students in the MIB Executive or MIB Executive programs.

IB 5670 - Political and Cultural Environment of Asia and the Pacific  
Credit(s): 2 Credits  
This course focuses on the political and social development of post World War II East Asia. Countries of study include Japan, China, Korea, Taiwan and Indonesia.  
Restrictions:  
Enrollment limited to students in the MIB Executive or MIB Executive programs.

IB 5680 - Managing Cultural Differences  
Credit(s): 2 Credits  
Discussing different cultures, this course ties the extent to which culture affects perceptions, decisions and behavior with how to approach management of cultural differences to achieve organizational effectiveness. Major topics include approaches to managing a culturally diverse workforce or team, ethics versus custom, culture and gender and non-Western style work days and weeks. Additionally, the course addresses expatriates, culture shock, repatriation and preparing for overseas travel and assignments.  
Restrictions:  
Enrollment limited to students in the MIB Executive or MIB Executive programs.

IB 5690 - International Organizations  
Credit(s): 2 Credits  
The course completes a survey of the history, organization and contemporary mission of international political and economic bodies. Organizations covered include the IMF and the World Bank, GATT, OECD, UN, European Community, OAS, ASEAN and others.  
Restrictions:  
Enrollment limited to students in the MIB Executive or MIB Executive programs.

IB 5850 - Capstone: Multinational Enterprise and Assessment  
Credit(s): 2 Credits  
This course will be taken in the last semester of the EMIB program (early January) as an intensive course that meets twice for 8 hours at a time. The coursework will focus on an applied case study/analysis of student’s parent company or related organization.

IB 5900 - International Study Abroad  
Credit(s): 2 Credits (Repeatable for credit)  
Restrictions:  
Enrollment limited to students in a Master of International Bus degree.

IB 5901 - Study Abroad  
Credit(s): 3 Credits (Repeatable for credit)  
The objective of this course is to allow students to apply the key concepts of global environments to a regional economy. The course combines case discussions with guest lectures by local business executives and scholars, and company visits. Students are expected to have a practical knowledge of the complexity of the business environments of the region.

IB 5910 - Internship  
Credit(s): 1-6 Credits (Repeatable for credit)

IB 5930 - Special Topics  
Credit(s): 3 Credits (Repeatable for credit)  
Restrictions:  
Students in the Schl for Professional Studies college may not enroll.

IB 5970 - Graduate Reading Course  
Credit(s): 2 Credits (Repeatable for credit)

IB 5990 - Thesis Research  
Credit(s): 1-6 Credits (Repeatable for credit)  
All students complete a final thesis/capstone project paper to conclude the EMIB degree program. This paper is written on a subject selected by the student usually including a region of the world and a relevant topic for a corporation. It ties together the two-year curriculum and allows application of the business practice, culture and strategy knowledge they’ve received through the coursework, faculty and cohort group.
IB 6000 - Global Business Environment  
Credit(s): 3 Credits  
This course seeks to examine international business issues faced by corporations operating across several countries and different external environments. The focus is, therefore, on the regional and global business environment of international firms, integrating trading, investing, cultural, and business practices.

IB 6220 - International E-Business  
Credit(s): 3 Credits  
International E-business is undeniably changing the way companies conduct and compete in the global marketplace. It has experienced a phenomenal growth in terms of transactions and profits, particularly in advanced economies and emerging markets. Yet, international e-business environment is complex. Businesses need to address a broad range of cultural, legal, demographic, technological, and political issues to successfully formulate and execute their e-business strategies. To help you prepare for these types of challenges and opportunities and learn the tools to gain a competitive advantage, this course will introduce you to a wide-range of global ecommerce issues and practices, particularly e-business strategy, international on-line market entry, building an international e-commerce presence, web site localization and cultural customization, e-commerce infrastructure including mobile and social media platforms, international e-business security and payments systems, global social media marketing, and global search engine marketing.  

Restrictions:  
Students in the Schi for Professional Studies college may not enroll.

IB 6420 - Global Environment Strategy  
Credit(s): 3 Credits  
This course focuses on strategic planning, implementation, and evaluation of management decision making within an international organization. Strategy is multidisciplinary by design and as such will draw on the student's experience and understanding of the functions of business and the forces that impact the business success. It combines a range of viewpoints and analytical techniques. The course will address the challenges involved in understanding the shifting dynamics and multifaceted phenomena that confronts global business.  

Restrictions:  
Students in the Schi for Professional Studies college may not enroll.

IB 6440 - Global Business Negotiations  
Credit(s): 3 Credits  
This course is designed to familiarize and help students seek practical insights and skills in conducting international business negotiations (IBN). Students will be exposed to the negotiation process and will have opportunities to apply knowledge by participating in simulations. The course will cover various IBN contexts including national differences; characteristics and process; formulation and development of systematic approaches to planning and conducting IBN; and integration of contextual and environmental aspects of IBN through discussions and applications.

IB 6800 - Theory in International Business  
Credit(s): 3 Credits  
A doctoral seminar course in which the participating students review and analyze some of the leading economic, strategic and behavioral theories of the determinants of foreign direct investment and the multinational enterprise that has emerged over the past forty years. Special emphasis is given to the interface between the competitive advantages of the firms and comparative advantages of countries in shaping different kinds and forms of foreign production in various sectors and nations.  

Restrictions:  
Enrollment limited to students in the PhD Business Administration program.

IB 6820 - Seminar in Global and Regional Business  
Credit(s): 3 Credits  
A doctoral seminar regarding the history and role of specific geographic regions in the global economy, current theory related to international business, multinational companies, and government policies that affect international business.  

Restrictions:  
Enrollment limited to students in the PhD Business Administration program.

IB 6840 - Seminar in Global Strategy  
Credit(s): 3 Credits  

IB 6930 - Special Topics  
Credit(s): 3 Credits (Repeatable for credit)  
Restrictions:  
Students in the Schi for Professional Studies college may not enroll.

IB 6950 - Special Study for Examinations  
Credit(s): 0 Credits  

IB 6970 - Research Topics  
Credit(s): 3 Credits (Repeatable for credit)  

IB 6980 - Graduate Reading Course  
Credit(s): 1-3 Credits (Repeatable for credit)  

IB 6990 - Dissertation Research  
Credit(s): 0-6 Credits (Repeatable for credit)  
Restrictions:  
Students in the Schi for Professional Studies college may not enroll.